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Delegation Departs for Meetings in Moscow 3 July

LD040635 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 4 Jul 83

[Text] Kabul, July 3, BAKHTAR — An Afghan delegation headed by Khalil Ahmad Abawi, deputy chairman of the Council of Ministers of the DRA and president of the State Planning Committee of the DRA, left for Moscow today.

The delegation will participate in the meetings of Afghan-Soviet joint commission.

BAKHTAR Comments on Shultz' Pakistan Visit, U.S. Aid

LD050556 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0440 GMT 5 Jul 83

[Text] Kabul, July 4, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes:

The United States will continue to give military, financial and political assistance to Afghan counter-revolutionaries. George Shultz U.S. secretary of state during his visit of the counter-revolutionary camps located in Pakistan told the bandits that the USA is on their side and promised them firm US backing in future as well.

This provocative visit of U.S. secretary of state once again proved that the United States is the main obstacle for the solution of the situation around Afghanistan despite the demagogic and deceptive support of Washington for a political solution of the problem. Now the world knows that the interventions in the internal affairs of the DRA by U.S. imperialism and its direct financial, military and political support to the counter-revolutionaries mainly from the territory of Pakistan constitutes the major factor of the situation around Afghanistan. The cessation of foreign interventions in the internal affairs of Afghanistan and a reliable guarantee of the non-occurrence of such interventions are the only way for solving the problems.

However, the statement made by George Shultz once again proved that the U.S. imperialism is against the political solution of the issues around Afghanistan. On the contrary, the United States is stepping up its direct intervention in the internal affairs of Afghanistan. It is providing increased military, financial and political aid to counter-revolutionaries and by exerting pressure on Islamabad regime, gives new dimensions to its undeclared war against Afghanistan. According to Western news media the U.S. imperialism has given over 100 million dollars as assistance to Afghan bandits since the second half of 1982. This means that the United States has given one hundred million dollars to counter-revolutionary gangs in a period of less than a year. However, Mr. Shultz must know that the people of Afghanistan have chosen for good the way of their life and the system of their government, whether the U.S. and its allies like these or not.

AFP Reports Karmal Plans To Visit Mongolia

OW042059 Hong Kong AFP in English 1924 GMT 4 Jul 83

[Text] Islamabad, July 4 (AFP) — Afghan President Babrak Karmal will shortly pay a "friendly visit" to Mongolia, Kabul radio, monitored here, said today.

It gave no programme for the visit. But Afghan analysts here believed that all formalities were probably completed and that the trip was likely to take place in the next few days.

It will be Mr. Karmal's second visit to Mongolia after he seized power following the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan in 1979.

'Counterrevolutionaries' Captured in Badakhshan

LD041651 Kabul Domestic Service in Pashto 1530 GMT 4 Jul 83

[Text] A number of counterrevolutionary elements, who were disrupting the peace and security of the people of (Darwaz) District, Badakhshan Province, recently were crushed by the officers and troops of Badakhshan Province Sarandoy and Operational Battalion with the cooperation of the people of that district. Fifty-five of these criminals have been captured.

A source of Badakhshan sarandoy said that 17 assorted weapons, 37 handgrenades, 1,136 various types of ammunition, 2 binoculars,and food supplies have been seized from these criminals.

SPA Cites Mujahidin Downing of Soviet Plane

LD042205 Riyadh SPA in English 1922 GMT 4 Jul 83

[Text] Islamabad, July 4, SPA — One Soviet aircraft was shot down and another damaged by Afghani mujahidin's resistance gunfire in Keshim county of northern Afghanistan's Badakhshan Province on June 13, Radio Pakistan reported last night.

During the mujahidin attack on communist military posts around Keshem, several communist troops were killed while being routed. Soviet-Afghan Government troops under mujahidin pressure called for air help and five MiG fighters came in, the radio said. Mujahidin anti-aircraft guns downed one and damaged another plane while three managed to escape, the radio added.

AFP: Soviet Troops Retake Qandahar Province Town

BK021521 Hong Kong AFP in English 1506 GMT 2 Jul 83

[Text] Islamabad, July 2 (AFP) — Soviet troops have seized the town of Khakriz, 50 km (30 miles) east of Qandahar, southwestern Afghanistan, after a battle that left some 80 resistance members and civilians dead, the rebels' AFGHAN PRESS AGENCY reported here today.

The troops attacked the town from three sides after massive shelling and air raids, the agency said.

The rebels had gained control of Khakriz earlier this year, but ran out of anti-aircraft ammunition and had to evacuate the town on June 17 after 62 days of resistance, the agency said.

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Moscow Visits — A PLO delegation headed by International Department chief Faruq Qaddumi arrived in Moscow for talks with Foreign Minister Andrey Gromyko on the latest developments in Palestinian affairs, Baghdad Voice of PLO radio reported. Although San'a' Voice of Palestine radio said Qaddumi's delegation will pave the way for PLO Executive Committee Chairman Yasir 'Arafat's forthcoming visit, 'Arafat himself announced in a BBC interview reported by AFP that he does not plan to visit Moscow "at this stage." Meanwhile, PNC Speaker Khalid al-Fahum also left for Moscow for a 3-day visit, according to Radio Monte Carlo.

'Arafat Interview — While refusing to apologize for his accusations against Syria, Yasir 'Arafat said he is ready to do "everything" to improve relations with it. Speaking in an interview with Radio Monte Carlo, 'Arafat reiterated his appeal to President Hafiz al-Asad to stop the "deterioration and collapse" in the Al-Biqa' valley. He renewed his accusations of Syrian and Libyan involvement on the side of the Fatah dissidents and confirmed his willingness to withdraw Fatah loyalists from Al-Biqa' to avoid further bloodshed and fratricide. Asked about his expulsion from Syria, 'Arafat expressed astonishment at what happened, asserting that he had been invited to Damascus for talks with Syrian Defense Squads Commander Rif'at al-Asad, who said he was authorized by President al-Asad to resolve all outstanding problems with 'Arafat. Responding to accusations that he has followed the "bandwagon of settlements and capitulation," 'Arafat said he rejected President Reagan's offer to receive a Palestinian representative in the White House immediately if the PLO accepted Security Council Resolution 242 or the Reagan plan.

Lebanon

Two IDF soldiers were killed and 16 others were injured by a bomb explosion west of Hasbayya in southern Lebanon, Jerusalem radio reported. The Lebanese National Resistance claimed responsibility for the attack, according to the clandestine Voice of Arab Lebanon radio.

Meanwhile, three Lebanese were killed when shells hit the Christian coastal area north of Beirut after renewed Druze-Christian clashes in the Ash-Shuf area, Beirut radio reported. Lebanese sources cited by MENA said Lebanese Army units are in a state of alert to fill any security vacuum that might occur in the Ash-Shuf as a result of further Israeli withdrawals. Lebanese authorities are attempting to secure Progressive Socialist Party leader Walid Junblatt's assent to a Lebanese Army deployment in the area, the sources noted. In another development, France denied reports that it has agreed to send 3,000 more soldiers to Lebanon to reinforce the multinational force and help fill the security vacuum caused by a partial Israeli withdrawal, Voice of Lebanon radio reported.

Libya

Defection of Amman Envoy — The Libyan ambassador to Amman has "defected" because of political differences with Colonel Mu'ammar al-Qadhdhafi's regime, AFP reported. Monitored Libyan and Jordanian media have not mentioned the defection.

Statements, Reportage on Chad — Libya will consider the dispatch of French forces to Chad as equivalent to a military action against the Jamahiriyah, thus giving it the right to intervene, the Libyan People's Bureau secretary in Paris announced in a French press interview reported by JANA. In other reports, JANA noted that spokesmen for Goukouni Oueddei's forces "refuted" Chadian Government claims to have recaptured Abeche from Goukouni's "National Liberation Army." Amid various claims about the military situation by spokesmen for Goukouni and Chadian President Hissein Habre, Radio Monte Carlo said there are no confirmed reports on who is controlling Abeche.

Morocco

Moroccan forces repulsed renewed Polisario attacks in the Western Sahara, MAP reported. In two engagements near Al-Masid the Moroccans destroyed 14 armored vehicles and killed 50 "mercenaries" at a cost of 2 killed and 30 others wounded, MAP said.

Meanwhile, the SADR Information Ministry said King Hassan's recent announcement that Morocco will not give up the Sahara even if it loses the referendum confirms the Kingdom's "intransigence" and "absolute rejection" of the OAU resolution on the Saharan issue, APS reported.

Iran

An Iranian Air Force captain flew his F-5 aircraft to Turkey in order to seek political asylum in the United States, ANATOLIA reported.

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President Babrak Karmal Message on 'Id Al-Fitr
LD120746 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 12 Jul 83

[Text] Kabul, July 11, BAKHTAR — President Babrak Karmal has called upon all the Moslems of the world to realise the truth of the humane,friendly and peaceful policy of the DRA and the revolutionary state which has been proved in practice.

In a message to compatriots and Moslems of the world on the occasion of 'Id al-Fitr (the biggest Moslem holiday), he pointed out the decree of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA on the grant of pardon and remission of the prison term of a number of prisoners who have repented their misdeeds. This is a testimony to the humane and realistic policy of the revolutionary Government of the DRA.

Babrak Karmal said that the international imperialism headed by U.S. imperialism which is the abettor of the Afghan counterrevolution shamelessly talk of defending Islam in Afghanistan while it arms the lackeys for the murder of the Moslem people and the creation of an atmosphere of terror and economic sabotage.

The U.S. Administration, he said, wants to attain military superiority and to impose its will on others. But under the present conditions, only madmen may make themselves happy for this matter.

Babrak Karmal said that the proposals and peace initiatives of the Soviet Union and other socialist countries in the recent meeting of 7 socialist countries in Moscow indicated the realistic ways of solving the current world problems and could be a guarantor of the preservation of the world peace.

Rebel Attack on Powerlines Called Sign of 'Weakness'
LD111754 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 11 Jul 83

[Text] The defeated counterrevolutionaries who as a result of great victories by the revolution have come closer to the brink of eternal and inevitable defeat, have been [words indistinct] more than ever before. To the extent that the counterrevolutionaries' field of action is being curtailed, to that extent, they commit savagery and further (?crimes) and whatever they are capable of; they do not refrain from any kind of crime.

This time the counterrevolutionaries, by blasting and destroying a number of electricity power transmission pylons, sought to deprive the people in Kabul City of light during Id and to show their presence by embarking on this crime. The counterrevolutionaries do not care about (?disrupting) the happy days of the people and disrupting the most vital and most necessary services to the people. There is no crime greater than this, when the days of happiness of our toiling Muslim compatriots who have completed the holy month of Ramadan — this month of faithfulness and prayer — and are celebrating, is disrupted with sorrow by these counterrevolutionaries and are deprived of light.

Rebels, these criminals and murderers who have an eternal and bestial grudge against the toiling people of the country, in addition to the thousands of crimes they have committed against the people and the homeland, this time blasted a number of pylons on a line transmitting power to Kabul City, in order to deprive the people of light and electricity.

This foul action is indicative of the vain efforts of the counterrevolutionaries and indicative of their weakness and impotence. The counterrevolutionaries, who have completely lost in face to face opposition, embark on these foul games.

The DRA Government, in order to supply electricity to our toiling citizens during the auspicious days of Id, immediately took emergency measures and for a few hours activated hydroelectric units and thus supplied electricity needed in the city; and it also took urgent measures as a result of which the destroyed pylons were rebuilt in a very short time and the needs of the citizens completely met.

The criminal counterrevolutionaries must know that by committing such crimes they cannot prevent their eternal and inevitable defeat. And they should know that should they destroy them thousands of times, the people will build them again. They only increase the anger and indignation of the people against them.

CLAS 8C/MWR

Keshtmand Sends Telegram to Mongolia's Batmonh
LD110613 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0425 GMT 11 Jul 83

[Text] Kabul, July 10, BAKHTAR — Soltan 'Ali Keshtmand, member of the Politburo of PDPA CC and chairman of the Council of the Ministers of the DRA has sent a congratulatory telegram on the occasion of the 62nd anniversary of the revolution in Mongolia addressed to J. Batmonh, chairman of the Council of the Ministers of the Mongolian People's Republic.

The telegram notes that the visit of the high-ranking party and state delegation of the DRA to Mongolian People's Republic is a testimony that the existing friendly relations between two countries will further consolidate and expand.

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AFP Reports on Developments in Punjab Situation

BK121541 Hong Kong AFP in English 1433 GMT 12 Jul 83

[Excerpts] New Delhi, July 12 (AFP) — The federal government and the Punjab administration are separately probing allegations that Pakistani spies have infiltrated Punjab and that other anti-social elements are operating there, reports said here today.

Quoting intelligence reports, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA said that these elements had adopted the guise of Nihangs (traditional armed Sikh guards) in Punjab, a state bordering Pakistan where militant Sikhs are continuing their campaign for more autonomy.

PTI reported that a number of Pakistanis and anti-social elements had mixed up with Nihang groups and were inciting communal violence or engineering trouble in Punjab and elsewhere. The Punjab administration — controlled by the ruling Congress (I) Party of Prime Minister Indira Gandhi — has ordered an inquiry into these complaints while Mrs Gandhi's federal government was also making similar inquiries through its own agencies, it said.

In another development today, a senior official of the Congress Party accused the United States of destabilising India by creating trouble in Punjab.

Chandulal Chandrakar, a general secretary of the party, said U.S. President Ronald Reagan and five State Department officials had met Sikh leader Jagjit Singh Chauhan. Mr. Chauhan, who is sought by Indian police, leads the extremist faction among the Sikhs which is demanding secession and the setting up of an independent Sikh homeland — Khalistan.

Mr. Chandrakar's charges appeared in the English language daily, *National Herald*, founded by Mrs. Gandhi's late father — Jawaharlal Nehru — and considered close to the government. The newspaper, however, did not say when and where Dr. Chauhan had met Mr. Reagan and the officials.

A separate PTI dispatch from Chandigarh late today said more arms had been recovered following the questioning of one of the two rival Nihang groups taken into custody recently after a clash between them in Chandigarh, joint capital of Punjab and neighbouring Haryana.

Two officers of the para-military Central Reserve Police died and another 17 policemen were injured in Punjab when their vehicle was involved in a collision with a stationary army tanker near Jullundur last night, PTI reported today.

Meanwhile, stray violent incidents continued in Punjab and, for the first time, hit the adjoining Hindu-dominated state of Uttar Pradesh.

Press reports reaching here today said armed Nihangs drove to the Hindu temple city of Rishikesh yesterday from Punjab and forcibly occupied a Sikh temple which contained Hindu idols.

13 July Report

BK130830 Hong Kong AFP in English 0820 GMT 13 Jul 83

[Text] New Delhi, July 13 (AFP) — The Punjab Government today ordered police in the northwestern Indian state to carry loaded weapons at all times, the *Tribune* newspaper reported today. The English language paper, published from Chandigarh — the joint capital of Sikh-dominated Punjab and the Hindu-dominated Haryana state —, said "under the standing orders, all policemen are required to carry loaded weapons while on duty." The order came as Sikh warriors, known as Nihangs, appeared to be playing a bigger role in the Sikh protest action over demands for greater political autonomy.

A Nihang, who is facing charges of manslaughter, reportedly shot dead an eyewitness of the murder last night at Baba Bakalain, Punjab. The Nihang, who was out on bail, managed to escape after he shot dead a person who allegedly saw the Nihang chop off the head of a schoolteacher in Punjab, press reports said. Last week a group of Nihangs clashed with police, leaving two of their comrades dead. At least 32 Nihangs were arrested and police recovered firearms from them.

Meanwhile the federal government and the Punjab administration were reported to be separately probing allegations that Pakistani spies had infiltrated Punjab and that other anti-social elements were operating there, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA news agency said here today. Quoting intelligence reports, PTI said that these elements were masquerading as Nihangs in Punjab, which borders Pakistan.

Earlier yesterday, a senior official of the Congress Party accused the United States of destabilising India by creating trouble in Punjab.

AFP: Special Task Force Being Raised in Assam

BK120757 Hong Kong AFP in English 0718 GMT 12 Jul 83

[Excerpt] New Delhi, July 12 (AFP) — Assam authorities are raising a special task force to maintain peace in the sensitive northeastern Indian state, where over 3,500 people were killed and 500,000 made homeless in election-related violence last February, the PRESS TRUST OF INDIA news agency reported.

In a dispatch from Assam's state capital, Gauhati, the agency said that authorities there would spend 40 million rupees (4 million dollars) to raise the first batch of 3,600 men. The force will reportedly be stationed in sensitive areas of the state, where tension still prevails today four months after the bloody communal clashes between ethnic Assamese and immigrants from neighboring states.

About 75 per cent of the force was being raised locally while official teams went to other Indian states to seek additional recruits, PTI indicated. It said former military men were also

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BAKHTAR Raps 'Cock And Bull Story' of Executions

LD210546 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 21 Jul 83

[Text] Kabul, July 20, BAKHTAR — A political observer of BIA writes: Western news media acting as handmaidens of imperialists in their psychological warfare against the revolutionary Afghanistan continue dishing out one propaganda delicacy after another for the consumption by the gullible.

The latest from them is the cock and bull story about some imaginary executions this month of some "elders" in Ghazni in Afghanistan.

By fabricating and circulating such white lies the Western propaganda pursues definite aims. It seeks for instance to tarnish the humane aspect of the policies pursued by the Government of the Democratic Republic of Afghanistan [DRA], which has been dominant especially in the new phase of the April Revolution. Every one with any objective knowledge of affairs in present day Afghanistan knows that respect for the seniors, tribal elders, clergymen and scholars, an ingredient of Afghan tradition, is also a component part of the new national democratic system practised by the revolutionary state of Afghanistan. In fact the ever increasing frequency of the visits to Kabul by elderly representatives of various tribes and nationalities of Afghanistan and their meetings with the party and state leadership, including Babrak Karmal, general secretary of the PDPA CC and president of the Revolutionary Council of the DRA, are a vivid testimony of this fact.

The humanism of the revolutionary party and state of Afghanistan is also manifest in the treatment it metes out even to those who are in opposition to it and may have taken up arms against the people and revolution. There is no question of any revengefulness, but on the contrary there is a standing general amnesty for those of the deceived people who would repent their deeds.

There is no punishment awarded to anyone without a fair trial. Even then, every few months the revolutionary state grants pardon to large numbers of prisoners sentenced for counter-revolutionary crimes. Even in conditions of continued undeclared war waged by imperialism and regional reaction against the DRA, the revolutionary state has not forgone even for a moment the norms of democratic legality.

On the other hand, it is the lackeys of imperialism and regional reaction who violate all norms of human conduct after sneaking into the territory of the DRA from the adjoining Pakistan.

It is these counter-revolutionary bandits who have murdered hundreds of notable religious leaders, tribal elders, leading intellectuals, teachers and doctors.

Victims of these obscurantist murderers were even old men, children and women, destroyed by them were places of culture, monuments of civilization, bridges, hospitals, schools and so on.

Yet it is these very criminals for whom the Western news media hold the brief. It is not unnatural either. Birds of feather flock together.

SPA Reports on 'Fierce Fighting Around Kabul'

LD192038 Riyadh SPA in English 1919 GMT 19 Jul 83

[Text] Islamabad, July 19 (SPA) — One MiG bomber and two MI-2 helicopter gunships were shot down and over two dozen Russians killed and scores of armoured personnel carriers (APCS) destroyed in fierce fighting around Kabul before and after 'Id al-Fitr festival, reports given by Western diplomatic sources in Islamabad said today.

Diplomats talked of heavy Soviet-Afghan casualties with an Afghan colonel from the 8th Division seriously injured and six Soviets killed last June.

Diplomats said heavy fighting in the outskirts of Qarbagh [spelling as received] caused blockade on the strategic highway linking Kabul with the Soviet Union.

Diplomats also talked of a friction between Soviets and Afghan troops near mouth of Lowgar valley as none wanted to enter first that death-trap where regime APCS were reportedly ringed by mujahidin mines.

A dozen white-bearded elders from prominent Afghan religious figures of Ghazni town were executed by Soviet troops in retaliation for mujahidin successful attacks on Soviet and Afghan troops.

Nur Ahmad Nur, Delegation Depart for Cuba 20 Jul

LD202227 Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1530 GMT 20 Jul 83

[Text] Nur Ahmad Nur, member of the Politburo, secretary of the PDPA Central Committee, and vice chairman of the DRA Revolutionary Council, heading a party and government delegation, left today for Havana at the invitation of the Communist Party and the Government of Cuba to attend the 30th anniversary of attack on (?Moncada) Barracks.

The delegation was seen off at Kabul airport by Saleh Mohammad Ziray, member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee Politburo; Mahmud Barialay, candidate member of the Politburo and secretary of the PDPA Central Committee; members of the Central Committee; Sakhi Daneshjo, deputy minister of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs; deputy head of the Protocol Department of the above ministry; Aleksandrov, charge d'affaires of the USSR Embassy in Kabul; and the charge d'affairs of the Cuban Embassy in Kabul.

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AFP: Moderate Rebels Favor United Front Under King

BK211535 Hong Kong AFP in English 1514 GMT 21 Jul 83

[Text] Peshawar, Pakistan, July 21 (AFP) — Moderate Afghan rebels today announced their support of efforts by former King Zaher Shah to form a united front against the Kabul regime.

In a communique released today at the close of a meeting of the Supreme Council of the Tripartite Alliance, a moderate and minority grouping within the resistance, rebel leaders called for the first time for the creation of a united front under the direction of the former Afghan monarch.

King Zaher Shah issued an appeal from his exile in Rome last month for the unification of the Afghan resistance.

The former king, overthrown 10 years ago by his cousin Prince Daud, is considered among moderate Afghan circles as the only figure capable of uniting the resistance.

But the Alliance of Fundamentalist Resistants, known to have the most effective guerrilla forces, remains opposed to any return of the king to the political scene.

Karmal, Keshtmand Congratulate Polish Leaders

LD220533 Kabul BAKHTAR in English 0418 GMT 22 Jul 83

[Text] Kabul, July 21, BAKHTAR — President Babrak Karmal and Premier Sultan 'Ali Keshtmand have sent a congratulatory telegram to Jaruzelski first secretary of the Central Committee of the Polish United Workers Party and president of the Council of Ministers of the People's Republic of Poland, and Henri Jablonski president of the State Council of the People's Republic of Poland.

Confidence is expressed in the telegram that the fraternal ties and cooperation between the people, parties and governments of the two countries will further develop in the interest of progress, social justice and peace all over the world.

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Public Works Minister to USSR — Public Works Minister Nazar Mohammad heads a delegation that left today for a friendly visit to the USSR at the invitation of the USSR State Committee for Construction. He will carry out talks to broaden cooperation between the two countries. [Summary] [Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 20 Jul 83 LD]

Kabul Mayor Returns From USSR — Kabul Mayor (Adina Sangin) today returned to Kabul after an official and friendly visit to the USSR. During his stay in Moscow, he visited city projects and held useful and productive talks to broaden cooperation between the two cities. The Kabul mayor went to the Soviet Union at the invitation of the mayor of Moscow. [Summary] [Kabul Domestic Service in Dari 1600 GMT 20 Jul 83 LD]

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